

Dungeness Water Right Application Status Response

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Application # 62-29756

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☐ I still need water for my project and request that you maintain my application.

☐ I no longer need water for the project.

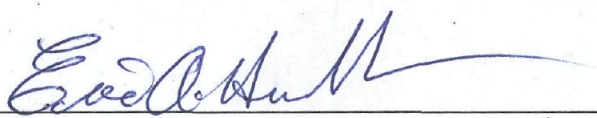
☐ I no longer own the property associated with this application.

Please complete contact information for the new owner:

New contact person: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: 1730 Old Olympic Hwy
Port Angeles WA 98362

Signature 
(Signature of water right applicant)

Date 3-20-08

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March 18, 2008

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Re: Water Right Application No. G2-29756

Hello,

I'm writing to ask for your help on a project. A number of people from Sequim and Port Angeles who helped develop the Elwha-Dungeness Watershed Plan are working on accomplishing the goals of the plan. As part of this, we need to estimate future water demand for the Dungeness watershed. A piece of this estimate will be based on the applications for water rights currently on file with the Department of Ecology.

You are receiving this letter with the return envelope and form because you have an application pending with Ecology for water from the Dungeness area.

Because a number of things may have changed since you filed your application, we'd like to hear from you. Plans may be different, property may have been sold, or you might have acquired water through other means.

Is your application still accurate? Your answer will help us more realistically estimate the amount of water that's being requested.

Action required on the enclosed form:

Please indicate if you still need water for your project.

If yes, your application will remain on file with Ecology. **OR**

If you do not need the water, please check that box and I can pass the information to staff in Ecology's Water Resources Program. **AND**

If you no longer own the property, please provide contact information for the new owner.

PLEASE NOTE

Ecology is not taking action on pending applications for water rights at this time.

Action will be taken after a Dungeness instream flow and water management rule has been adopted and enough information is available to make decisions.

The Dungeness rule is currently being discussed, and formal review of a draft rule is planned for late this summer. A public workshop is being held at the John Wayne marina in Sequim, from 4 to 7 p.m. on March 26th. We'll be talking about elements of the rule and options for water management. There will also be an announcement in the Sequim Gazette.

Ecology contact information

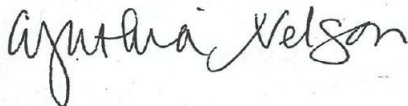
If you have questions about this request or are interested in the discussions on water supply and rule development, you can contact me at the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program, Southwest Regional Office of Ecology. My phone number is (360) 407-0276.

You can also call Sarah Ferguson of the Water Resources Program, who is working on the Dungeness rule, at (360) 407-6780.

Information on Dungeness rulemaking is on-line at:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/instream-flows/dungeness/html>.

General information regarding watershed planning is available on Ecology's website at:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/index.html>.

Thank you for your time and attention.



Cynthia Nelson
Watershed Lead for Elwha Dungeness Watershed Planning
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program, Southwest Region

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cc: Sarah Ferguson, Ecology Water Resources Program, HQ

Enclosures: Return envelope and form



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August 11, 1998

Dear Water Right Applicant:

Re: Water Application No. G2-29756

We have received your application for a water right and have assigned the application number indicated above. It would help us if you referred to it by number in future correspondence.

Due to a shortage of staff to meet the demand for service, new applications are being accepted and filed for future processing, but a public notice will not be sent at this time. Because we have approximately 5,000 pending applications for water rights, it may be some time before we can get to your application. When we begin processing your application, we'll prepare a public notice and send it to you with publication instructions. It is very important that you notify us of any change of address or ownership of the property, or, if your plans for water use change.

We are working on the oldest applications on file as quickly as we are able. We are also looking for ways to speed up decision making. Please keep in mind that filing an application for water use does not authorize use of the water. With the many complexities of water law, including issues such as senior rights, fish habitat, and instream flows, favorable permit decisions are not always possible. I regret that a decision on your application cannot be made sooner and strongly advise against investing further in your project unless you are issued a water right permit.

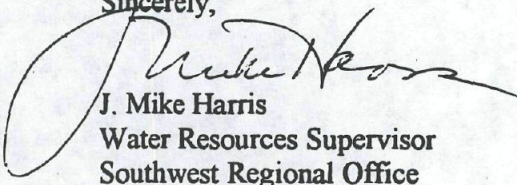
I apologize that this is the best we can do currently. To better manage limited staff time, we have set the following office hours:

Telephone Calls
Mondays and Wednesdays
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Walk-Ins
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 am to 12:00 (noon)

We will respond to your questions and concerns as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,


J. Mike Harris
Water Resources Supervisor
Southwest Regional Office

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